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Peace Boom Rests Upon Conversion

(Editor's Note: This is the second of three stories on the home demobilization problem—what Congress has done, what the president has done, and what remains to be done.)

By JAMES MARLOW

Washington, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Congress is in a sweat now to prepare this country for a pain-free switch-over to a prosperous life when Germany folds up.

The idea is this:

If the switchover is smooth, with little unemployment and getting into civilian production quickly, this country may soar upward into a real boom.

If the national machine groans and staggers, with unemployment spreading while the change to civilian production goes slowly because of poor planning, the postwar years may not be happy.

Government and Congress already have made some effort to smooth the way. Others lie ahead. Here is a general outline of past performances and future intentions:

Last February, at the request of the White House, Bernard M. Baruch and John Hancock outlined a plan for war and postwar policies.

It dealt mainly with the financial problems of getting back on a sound economic basis, although recognizing there was a human side to demobilization.

Following are some of the Baruch-Hancock suggestions and what happened to them:

1. Immediate start on disposing of surplus government materials which range from huge war plants to adhesive tape.

(The president appointed Will Clayton as surplus property administrator. Surpluses of all kinds are now being disposed of at the rate of 25 million dollars weekly.

(But Democratic and Republican Senate leaders say Clayton was appointed under the president's wartime powers, that therefore his authority might be questioned after the war. Both sides now are talking of giving him authority by law through congressional action.)

2. Tackling the problem of human demobilization, which means doing something to ease the unemployment and job-changing that would follow any sudden end to the war.

(The president appointed Brig. Gen. Frank Hines, head of the Veterans Administration, to direct re-training and re-employment. The senators speak of acting to give him authority by congressional act, too.)

3. Arrangements for quick settlement, through government payment, of cancelled war contracts so contractors can turn the money to civilian production.

(The Baruch-Hancock report made some congressmen unhappy. They thought it called for too much power to the president and too little to Congress in post-war problems. After some months Congress based a contract cancellation act on the assumption that government would not assume quick government payment.)

This act was passed after a protest by the three big labor organizations—CIO, AFL and the railroad unions—that it was piecemeal legislation to benefit business while ignoring workers.

Labor sponsored a bill sponsored by Senator Kilgore (D-W-Va) which would guarantee unemployment compensation on a general scale to war worker between the time they lost a closed-out war job and found a peace job.

Kilgore tried to have this made part of the contract cancellation bill, but failed. Kilgore has his bill back in Congress. Senator Murray (D-Mont) has one, too.

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All this won't alter the final outcome. Neither Jap nor Nazi fanaticism can overcome American arms or American industry. But the way still isn't short, or the going easy.

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Mild Reproof

Some London newspapers have chided the liberated Norman French for shaving the heads of German collaborators. One called the practice the "despicable technique of the Fascist underground."

But we had always understood that the Fascists, or rather the Nazis in France and Italy, had not contended themselves with such mild reproof when the collaboration was with Germany's enemies. Weren't the concentration camps and the firing squad more typical of their technique?

The hair of the "collaborators" is growing back. The patriot victims of the Nazi technique will not return. We do not think that a haircut for those women who fraternized with an enemy is too severe a punishment.

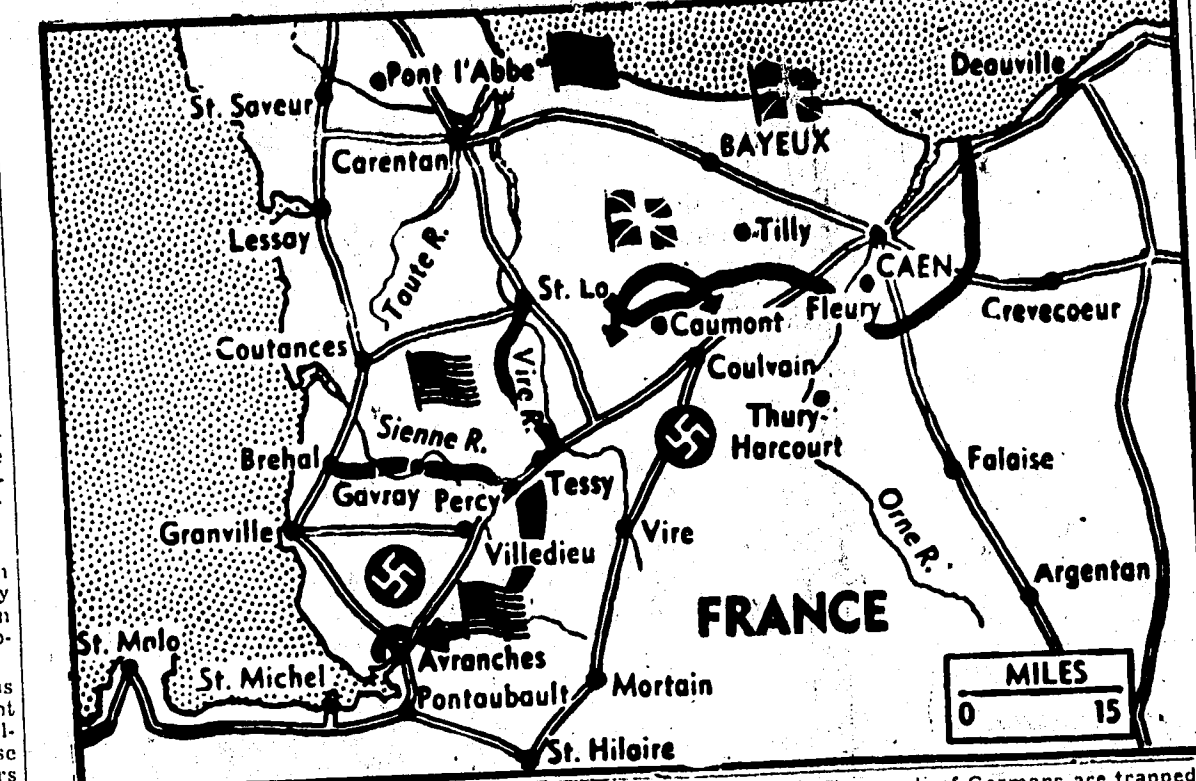
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Stuck With It

The postwar problems facing industrialists, add now the grave

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French War Map



TODAY'S FRENCH WAR MAP—Thousands of Germans are trapped in the Granville area by an American force which swung inland and by-passed dozens of towns to take Avranches. Simultaneously, the expected British drive is under way flanking Caumont. (NEA Telemap).

Germans in Last Stand at Florence

By EDWARD KENNEDY

Rome, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Eighty Army troops are making slow, methodical progress in their advance in Florence as they fight a desperate last stand battle before the Tuscan capital. Allied Headquarters announced today.

South of the city the Germans lunged out with fierce counterattacks along a wide semicircular front which now forms their defense line.

"It is clear the enemy is determined to make a real stand as long as he is able, but the Eighth Army's advance is relentlessly forcing him down successive strongpoints," headquarters said.

The Germans are using three of the best divisions at their disposal in Italy for guarding the approaches to Florence. They have the support of Tiger tanks and are using a new type of booby trap—grenades set off by wires, stretched across roads at a height to catch the aerials of radio-equipped vehicles. The grenades themselves are tied to the wires.

West of highway two, Eighth Army troops still hold San Michele, despite a light counterattack. The Eighth also occupied La Romella, two miles east of San Michele, and the village of San Andrea after repulsing a counterattack there.

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Strike on M. & A. Is Called Off

Harrison, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Crews of the Missouri and Arkansas railway were called back to work today after 120 operating employees who had been out on strike four days decided last night to return to their jobs.

L. A. Watkins, railway president, said trains would resume their regular runs as soon as the crews had reported and engines could be fired.

Federal mediator O. W. Carpenter said mediation in the long-standing wage dispute could now be resumed.

The brotherhoods of railway engineers, trainmen and firemen awards which the line contends it cannot pay.

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Morrison Discusses Robot Bomb Problem With the People of Wartorn England

By A. J. Goldberg

London, Aug. 1.—(AP)—While more Nazi flying bombs burst upon England, Herbert Morrison, minister of home security, told Communists today that he knew "a lot of horrible things," and hinted that the Germans had been able to give some degree of silence to their robots.

His statement came in answer to a question as to whether "a new kind of bomb is coming over which is more silent than the old one?"

"I have knowledge about a lot of horrible things," Morrison answered. "These bombs vary in their practice somewhat, and there have been cases in which the noise has not been audible."

He did not make it clear whether he referred to a new weapon inaudible throughout flight or to familiar robot bombs which cut off their engines and glide in silently for long distances—a fact previously unannounced.

Morrison announced that with a half-minute margin, neighborhood horns will sound three two-second blasts at two second intervals when

Quezon, 65, Philippines' Head, Dies

Manuel Quezon, N. Y., Aug. 1.—(AP)—Manuel Quezon, 65, exiled dapper president of the Philippine government, which he had headed since 1935, died today at a summer home here from tuberculosis.

The magnetic Quezon fled from his native Luzon in a submarine Feb. 20, 1942, after the Philippines fell to the Japanese. He came here late in the spring from Asheville, N. C., and lived with his chief of staff and his official family.

His widow, and two daughters, Maria Aurora and Maria Zenaida, and one son, Manuel Jr., were at the bedside.

Long a disciple of Philippine independence, Quezon cast his lot with the Americans when the Japanese invaded his homeland. Previously, he had opposed occupation both by Spain and the United States.

Since his arrival in the United States he used his waning energy to bring about defeat and ouster of the Japanese.

He told the U. S. Senate he hoped America would adopt a new war slogan—"Remember the Philippines."

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Daughter Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Chaplin, of Screen

Santa Monica, Calif., Aug. 1.—(AP)—A baby girl was born to Oona O'Neill Chaplin, wife of Comedian Charlie Chaplin, at St. John's hospital last night. Dr. Sheldon Payne announced.

"They wanted a girl and they're both very happy," said Dr. Payne. The baby, weighing 31 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, has not been named.

The physician said the 18-year-old mother and baby were doing well and that the 34-year-old father "got by pretty well."

Chaplin eloped with the daughter of playwright Eugene O'Neill a year ago last June, when he was in the midst of trying to dodge Joan Barry, who accused him of being the father of her child.

More people speak English than any other language.

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U. S. Armor Rolls Out of Peninsula on 80-Mile Front

By GLADWIN HILL

Washington, Aug. 1.—(AP)—First reports reaching official Washington today that the German attempt to have crushed definitely the factions involved in the bomb plot against Hitler.

The reports, which are official as distinguished from the German radio and neutral capital gossip, indicate that for the moment, at least, Hitler has firm control.

The best description of the popular German reaction to the bombing attempt was apathy, the information says. So far as is known here, there was no rioting in Germany following announcement of the attack by Hitler, nor were there any demonstrations of rejoicing at his escape.

It is confirmed that the Nazis took speedy and far-reaching control measures immediately after the bomb attempt, especially in Berlin.

A light cordon was thrown about the entire government building district in the capital.

Further, there appears every reason to believe that the attempt on Hitler's life was in earnest, and not a put-up job as some observers originally speculated.

At the same time, however, it would appear that Heinrich Himmler knew something was in the air.

Himmler evidently took advantage of the unfulfilled attempt to kill Hitler to liquidate a number of persons of whom he was suspicious, but who may not actually have been involved in the plot.

The Soviet Embassy Bulletin, in an article apparently based on similar information, said today: "It is not multitudes of Germans that will bring Hitler Germany to her knees, but we and our allies. We don't rely on any Germans—whether stupid or clever, whether purblind or awakened. We rely on tanks and shells and grenades."

The article, by Ilya Ehrenburg, one of Russia's most prominent journalists, pointed out that Germans can't expect to evade the consequences of aggression by simply kicking off Hitler.

"Conquering Europe is not a game of hide-and-seek," he said. "I've had enough and go home," it said. "The Germans had a good time robbing and pillaging. Now they are paying the price."

As for Hitler, it went on, a bomb "would be too easy for another him. In one way or another, he will have to die soon. But a rope is better. A halter around his neck is the thing for him."

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Nazi Rocket Planes Show Vast Speed

London, Aug. 1.—(AP)—The Germans have now taken the war off another new weapon—a rocket-propelled fighter—and all Allied fighters who have encountered the planes agreed today they are capable to terrific speed.

Little is known so far of the effectiveness of the craft, only seven have been met and they did not stand to fight, but the speed at which they ran way underscores the importance they might assume if the Germans manage to produce them on a mass scale.

Berlin has been hinting for months The U. S. Air Force announced last night that Allied heavy bombers and their convoy of fighters ran into a group of the new planes over Germany Friday.

The Allies have recognized, for some time that Nazi jet and rocket-propelled planes, if allowed to appear in big numbers, could challenge Allied air superiority, and it is understood here that is one of the reasons the U. S. Eighth and 15th Air Forces sent 27,000 heavy bomber sorties against German industry and air supplies in July.

But the Allies might have the answer to this new German weapon capabilities. A joint British-American announcement some months ago said the Allies were experimenting with successful jet-propelled planes. There has been no announcement it has gone into action.

The speedy German rocket planes have been designated as Me-162s.

Accidents in Great Britain killed 17 per cent fewer workers but injured 16 per cent more in 1942 than the previous year.

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Reids on Other Side of River From Warsaw

By DANIEL De LUCE

Moscow, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Driving in from three directions under hundreds of red-starred planes, Russian and Polish troops today attacked Praga, industrial suburb of Warsaw across the Vistula river east of the capital.

Russian fliers reported demolitions exploding in the heart of Warsaw and Jozefina said "the Hitlerites in their fury are burning and blowing up many buildings." A front dispatch said at least one German infantry division already had been routed in the battle for Warsaw.

Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky, himself of Polish descent, personally directed the Red Army's mammoth assault on the metropolitan area of the Polish capital of 1,265,700 from an advanced headquarters.

One of the greatest artillery concentrations of the entire eastern front ripped into German entrenchments on the edge of Praga.

Warsaw, first United Nations capital to hear the roar of liberating cannon and the keystone of Germany's east wall, also was threatened by flanking maneuvers in which the Red Army struggled to bridge the broad Vistula south-east of the city.

A Berlin broadcast declared the battle for Warsaw would be fiercely prolonged by the German command which was reported under orders by Hitler to stand without retreat.

Rokossovsky, who has been building up reserves for a week, lashed forward with a coordinated air and ground bombardment that laid an explosive curtain in front of his veteran infantry.

A Berlin broadcast declared Warsaw remained calm but said "the roar of a tank battle can be heard in the city."

The assault on Warsaw virtually was matched in importance by a three-pronged Red Army drive against East Prussia in a sector now 143 miles wide. Gen. Ivan Cherniakhovsky's command advanced in to 31 miles and approached within 11.8 miles of East Prussia proper.

In neither direction—beyond Warsaw or toward East Prussia—can the German army give further ground without imperiling the whole structure of the Reich's eastern defense, but on both of these fronts, the numerically superior Red Army is forcing Hitler to scrape up all reserves.

The latest communique announced the Russians overran 2,144 localities yesterday, a record for the Soviet summer offensive.

Cherniakhovsky, the young Jewish general assigned the task of battering into East Prussia, has methodically prepared for conquest of the lake-dotted northern reaches of that province by clearing three big road networks leading across the frontier.

From Kopice, 11.8 miles from the pre-war Prussian border directly west of Grodno, one of Cherniakhovsky's three arms pointed at Lyok, 20 miles away.

Another force was mopping up

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Ham Fish in Crucial Fight With GOP

By The Associated Press

Two of Congress' most colorful figures come up with renomination tries against tough opposition today—Rep. Hamilton Fish in New York's 29th district and Senator Bennett Clark in Missouri.

Fish's chances are affected not alone by the strength of his opponent, Attorney Augustus W. Bennett of Newburgh, but also by the fact that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and Wendell L. Willkie have called for his defeat.

Fish, outspoken Republican who has been in the House since 1920, was quoted in a newspaper article as having said that Jews "more or less for the New Deal" and that it would be better "if they split their vote between the two major parties."

Dewey, the GOP presidential nominee, accused him of having "raised religious and racial" issues; Fish countered that he has simply stated facts.

Dewey's own campaign was marked by conferences in Pittsburgh yesterday with political business, farm, veterans and labor leaders. These, he said, were intended to speed up "the too-long delayed preparations for reconversion" of industry as war needs slacken.

After a stop in Springfield, Ill., Dewey is to arrive at St. Louis tomorrow for a long-heralded meeting with the country's 25 other republican governors.

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Kansas City Gets Ready to Celebrate Victory Day—If and When Germany Gives Up

Kansas City, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Kansas City's merchants won't be prepared for the pandemonium on V-day—the day Germany gives up the fight.

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